

## PLANNING DIVISION

The Planning Division of the Missouri City Planning Department coordinates the City's land development process through:

### **COMPREHENSIVE AND LAND USE PLANS:**

VISION 2020 and the 2003 Land Use Plan Update guide the land use development regulations in the City.

### **ZONING:**

The City's Zoning Ordinance and map, which regulates the allowable uses and other Development requirements for land within the City's limits.

### **PLATTING:**

The City's Subdivision Ordinance, which outlines the process through which land may be subdivided.

### **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STANDARDS:**

Regulations to ensure high quality nonresidential development by avoiding poor building design and by creating a rich, harmonious blend of quality buildings.

## MAPS, SCHEDULES & APPLICATIONS

Official City maps (i.e. – City Limits, Zoning, Residential Subdivisions, etc.) and/or copies of plat maps may be ordered by contacting the Planning Department.

City maps and other Planning related documents, schedules and applications are also available on the City's website at [www.missouricitytx.gov](http://www.missouricitytx.gov).

## CONTACT US



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## CITY OF MISSOURI CITY, TX

# A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO PLANNING IN MISSOURI CITY



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## WHAT IS PLANNING?

Planning, also called urban planning or city and regional planning, is a profession that works to improve the welfare of people and their communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient, and attractive places for present and future generations.

Planners develop long- and short-term plans to use land for the growth and revitalization of urban, suburban, and rural communities, while helping local officials make decisions concerning social, economic, and environmental problems.

*Information gathered from the American Planning Association ([www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)) and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)).*

## PLANNING IN MISSOURI CITY

The Planning Department is comprised of three (3) Divisions:

- Planning
- Building Inspections & Permits
- Code Enforcement, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & Health

## MISSOURI CITY LAND USE GOALS, POLICIES & STRATEGIES

Vision 2020, the City's Comprehensive Plan, established the following overall land development goal:

"A city that has grown to maturity and continues to be a desirable place:

**To live**, because of the existence of a wide range of housing types located in safe, well-kept neighborhoods which receive a full range of services and supporting infrastructure;

**To work**, because of the existence of office and light manufacturing, industry, and business offering a variety of job opportunities;

**To play**, because of the existence of a wide range of leisure time activities, both public and private; and,

**To shop**, because of the existence of adequate and attractive retail areas."



## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) consists of nine (9) members who own taxable property within the City. These members are appointed by the City Council and serve staggered two (2) year terms.

The P&Z serves as the final authority on applications concerning the subdivision of land and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding applications for amendments to the zoning map and zoning ordinance.

The P&Z meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five (5) regular members and four (4) alternate members appointed by the City Council for staggered two (2) year terms. The Board hears appeals in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of any month in which requests for variance(s) have been received.